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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (fees effective on or after October 1, 2004)		Docket Number (Optional) SPINE 3.0-2658	
Application Number 09/815,504-Conf. #5642		Filed March 23, 2001	
For MODULAR IMPLANT FOR FUSING ADJACENT BONE STRUCTURE			
Art Unit 3738		Examiner A. J. Stewart	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110.00	\$55.00	\$
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
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I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 36,629			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a)			
_____ Signature		October 8, 2004 Date	
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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
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